

**Saint Patrick/St. Columbanus Churches Sacramental Preparation**  
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**Confirmation Information**

Confirmation classes will typically be held twice a month on Wednesday evenings and will run from 7:00-8:30 PM in the Faith Formation building at St. Patrick's. Along with the scheduled 13 sessions, your child will also be required to complete a few additional tasks to prepare for the sacrament. Attached with this letter is a Confirmation process sheet with more complete information on the expectations and requirements of the program. **Saturday/Sunday Mass is a requirement for all children in the sacramental prep program.**

Confirmation class attendance: It is expected that at least one parent/guardian and/or sponsor should be present with the confirmandi at each confirmation class. This will allow parents/sponsors and confirmandi to experience together the importance of their faith formation journey.

Please note: While we have tried to keep the schedule consistent throughout the year, there are a few times where class times or days have been shifted. In total, confirmandi typically should be attending 2 high school classes and 2 confirmation classes a month. There will be other required events for some months as shown below on the schedule. Last year we had a LARGE number of students that were not here for the required 80% attendance. This will be strictly enforced unless you have worked out an approved minor modification. If your child will not be in class, please call or text me. The retreat does not count if they are not there from start to finish and a retreat is required to have Confirmation. There are at least 24 classes. The 10<sup>th</sup> grade students must attend no less than 19 of these classes.

For your reference, the dates and times for the Sacramental sessions, High School Classes, & the Celebration of Confirmation are noted below:

**September:**

**28<sup>th</sup> All Family FF & HS Class with Priesthood appreciation dinner, parish hall, after 9:30 Mass**

**October:**

**5<sup>th</sup> All Family FF & HS Class with BACA presentation , parish hall, 10:30 am**

**8<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Class, 7:00-8:30 pm**

**12<sup>th</sup> High School class, 6:30pm -8:30 pm**

**18<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Rite of Enrollment at 4:00 pm Mass at St. Patrick Church**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Confirmation Class, 7:00-8:30 pm**

**26<sup>th</sup> Trunk or Treat, 2:00-4:00 pm (counts towards Confirmation hours)**

**November:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Fall Festival, parish hall, 10:30 am to 1:00 pm (counts for Confirmation hours)**

**9<sup>th</sup> High School Retreat, 9:30 am to 5:00 pm, Required**

**12<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Class, 7:00-8:30 pm**

**19<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Class, 7:00-8:30 pm**

**December:**

**7<sup>th</sup> All Family FF & HS Advent celebration, parish hall, 10:30 am**

**10<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Class, 7:00-8:30 pm**

**14<sup>th</sup> High School class, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm**

**17<sup>th</sup> Confirmation class, 7:00 to 8:30 pm**

**January:**

**4<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Rite of Commitment at 9:30 am Mass**

**11<sup>th</sup> All Family FF & HS Class, parish hall, 10:30 am**

**14<sup>th</sup> Confirmation class, 7:00 to 8:30 pm**

**18<sup>th</sup> High School class, 6:30-8:30 pm**

**28<sup>th</sup> Confirmation class, 7:00-8:30 pm**

**31<sup>st</sup> Auction- Lots of help is needed! Will count for Confirmation hours**

**February:**

- 11<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Class, 7:00-8:30 pm**
- 15<sup>th</sup> All Family FF & HS Class, parish hall, 10:30 am**
- 18<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday Mass, 6:30 pm**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Lenten Speaker, Fr Seth, 3:00 pm (High School required/parents invited)**
- 25<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Class, 7:30-8:30 pm**

**March:**

- 8<sup>th</sup> All Family FF & HS Class, parish hall, 10:30 am (Live Stations put on by High Schoolers)**
- 11<sup>th</sup> Confirmation class, 7:00 to 8:30 pm**
- 15<sup>th</sup> High School class, 6:30 to 8:30 pm**
- 17<sup>th</sup> St Patrick Mass, 6:00 pm, dinner to follow (recommended, not required)**
- 25<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Class, 7:00 to 8:30 pm**
- 29<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday Mass, 8:00 am St Columbanus & 10:00 am St Patrick**
- 31<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation night, 7:00 pm**

**April:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Holy Thursday Mass, 7:00 pm**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Good Friday, stations at 2:30 pm, service at 3:00 pm**
- 4<sup>th</sup> Easter Vigil Mass, 8:00 pm**
- 5<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday Mass, 8:00 am St Columbanus & 10:00 am St Patrick**
- 8<sup>th</sup> Confirmation class, 7:00 to 8:30pm**
- 12<sup>th</sup> All Family FF & HS at ballpark, after 9:30 am Mass**
- 19<sup>th</sup> High School class, 6:30 to 8:30 pm**
- 29<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Rehearsal, 7:00 pm**

**May:**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Celebration of Confirmation, 9:30 am Mass (starts at the hall with Bishop Q & A at 8:15 am)**

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to give me a call. We are looking forward to seeing you and your children in class this year!

God Bless,

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